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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Title: *AQUEOUS POLYMER DISPERSION*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows herein.

In the Specification

At the top of the first page, just under the title, please insert the following new heading and paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

A1 This application is the National Phase of International Application No. PCT/AU00/00844, filed July 13, 2000, which designated the United States, and which further claims priority from Australian Patent Application No. PQ 1642, filed July 14, 1999. The priority applications are incorporated herein by reference.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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28. (Amended) Paints, binders or thickeners for paints, adhesives, textile coatings, carpet backings or construction materials comprising an aqueous dispersion of polymeric particles according to claim 25.
 29. (Amended) Use of an aqueous dispersion of polymeric particles according to claim 25 as a sole combined thickener/binder for a paint.

Please see the attached Appendix for changes made to the above claims.